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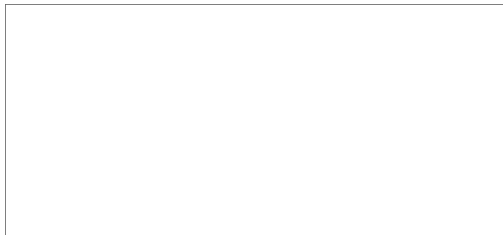


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2. Harbor basins have not previously been observed in this area, but the establishment of such basins during the last few months has been observed in other Polish and East German harbors, for example, Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) and Warnemuende. The basins observed here fit in very well with present Soviet "small base" tactics. These tactics are probably based on the following considerations:
- a. Counter-measure against atomic attacks by scattering possible bombing targets.
 - b. The consistent Soviet desire to avoid Western observations. Therefore, special measures must be taken in harbors which are visited often by Western merchant ships.
 - c. Transfer of the regular or commercial harbor areas to the local East German or Polish authorities.
3. A number of landing craft as large as here reported has not been observed previously in this area. The landing craft seem to be of an LCM type and may be newly constructed. they were all very well kept with regard to paint, etc. A few partly unconfirmed reports have from time to time mentioned the production of landing craft and barges at both Polish and East German river shipyards. However, the extent and type of production is unknown. In the early part of June 1955 four or five landing craft and a mother ship were observed in Swinoujscie. After a few days these vessels disappeared again. It is not impossible that this mother ship or tender may be identical with the vessel seen in the middle basin which characterized as a mother ship for landing craft.

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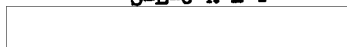
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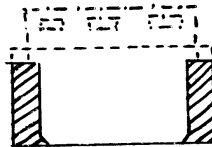
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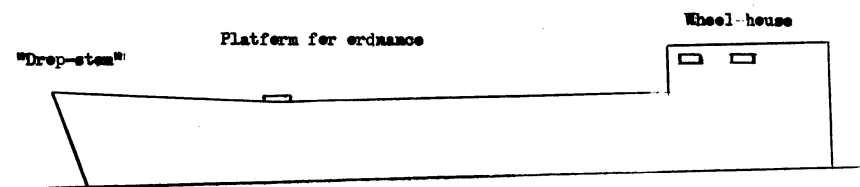


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Approximate appearance of landing craft observed



Cross Section
Width 4-5 m.



Estimated length about 30 m.